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In re Application of: Ryoichi Asai  
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Entitled: **Methods For Obtaining Aptamers Using Microarray**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

1. Although more than 28 months have passed since the 09/28/2005 filing date of the above referenced patent application, a first Office Action has not been received.
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